

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner in this application, together with the references cited, have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 2 and 4-11 have been amended to define more clearly the patentable invention the Applicant believes is disclosed herein. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

In response to the Examiner's objection, the claims have been amended to indicate that the elongated running truck body, the upper truck body and the raising and lowering poles are each formed of a one-piece, rectangular pipe having four (4) flat sides. The claims have further been amended to indicate that the raising and lowering poles are connected to a vertical side surface of the rectangular pipe forming the running truck body.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 4-5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,113,119 to Brown et al. It is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are distinguishable from the Brown et al. reference. In this respect, the Brown et al. reference does not teach, suggest or show the running truck body, the upper truck body and the raising and lowering poles being formed of a one-piece, rectangular pipe. Further, the reference does not teach, suggest or show one flat side of the raising and lowering poles being connected to a vertical flat side of the running truck body and the upper truck body.

With respect to claim 5, in addition to the amendments noted above, claim 5 has been amended to indicate that the "running truck body is supported by wheels guided along the track, the wheels being provided within the rectangular pipe forming the running truck body and in alignment with, respective positions where the lower end portions of the rectangular pipe forming the raising and lowering poles are connected to the running truck body."

The Brown et al. reference does not teach, suggest or show the support wheels provided within a rectangular pipe that forms a running truck body.

Claims 6 and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Brown et al. reference in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,450,929 to Ohgita et al. As noted above, claim 6 has been amended to indicate that the running truck body and the raising and lowering poles are respectively formed from a one-piece, rectangular pipe having four (4) flat sides. Claim 6 has

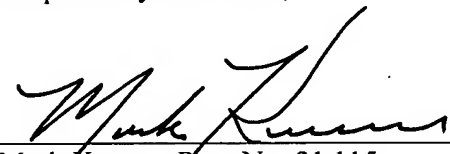
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further been amended to indicate that each of the raising and lowering ropes is guided from the upper part of said platform "to the center of said running truck body via said driving wheel." It is respectfully submitted that neither of the cited references teach, suggest or show the raising and lowering poles formed of rectangular pipe that are connected to a vertical side surface of a rectangular pipe forming the running truck body, and further does not teach, suggest or show the raising and lowering ropes guided from the upper part of the platform to the center of the running truck body.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are distinguishable from the cited art, and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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